MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

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Property Name: Inventory Number PG: 743-44
Address: 2406 Crain Highway, NW, Prince George's County - 12 the Vicinity of Bowie
Owner: Willard, Ray W. III Helen M. Walker
Tax Parcel Number: 164 Subd. 9396, Plat 192037, Lot3 Tax Map Number: 63
Project MD 301 Agency State Highway Administration (SHA)
Site visit by SHA Staff: X no _ yes Name: Date:
Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended _X
CriteriaABCD Considerations:ABCDEFG <u>X</u> None
Is property located within a historic district? X no _ yes Name of District:
Is district listed?: X no _ yes
Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files
Description of Property and Eligibility Determination (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)
The one-and-a-half story Cape Cod design of the Colonial Revival style has a side gable roof with two, front-gabled dormers. The building, now a commercial structure, has a projecting center gable with the main entrance to the building. The structure has clapboard siding and the foundation is constructed of stone blocks.
The States Road Commission began construction of the Robert Crain Highway (later US 301) in 1922. Crain Highway was designed to link southern Maryland's rural areas to northern Maryland's urban areas. With the introduction of a better road system, limited development was allowed to flourish along the corridors and within the rural areas of southern Maryland. The population of Prince George's County increased from 60,000 to 90,000 inhabitants between 1930 and 1940. When the Nice Memorial Bridge was completed in 1940 and linked the Virginia side of the Potomac to the Maryland side in Charles County, Crain Highway served as a bypass between Florida and New York. Crain Highway was widened in 1950 to handle the increase in traffic. Commercial development along Crain Highway continued to flourish with the increasing volume of traffic and potential customers.
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Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended Criteria: _ A _ B _ C _ D _ E _ F _ G _ None
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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

Date

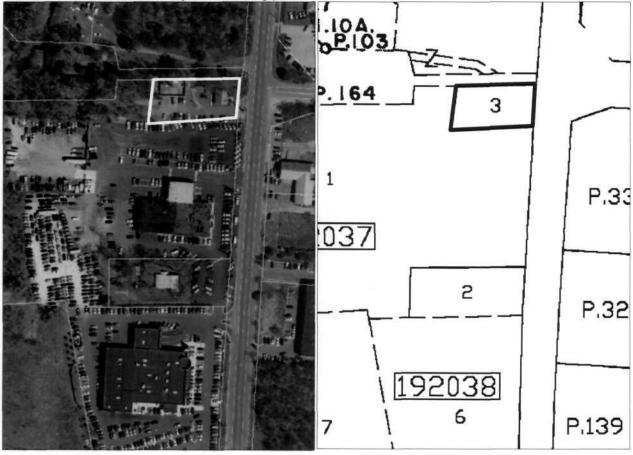
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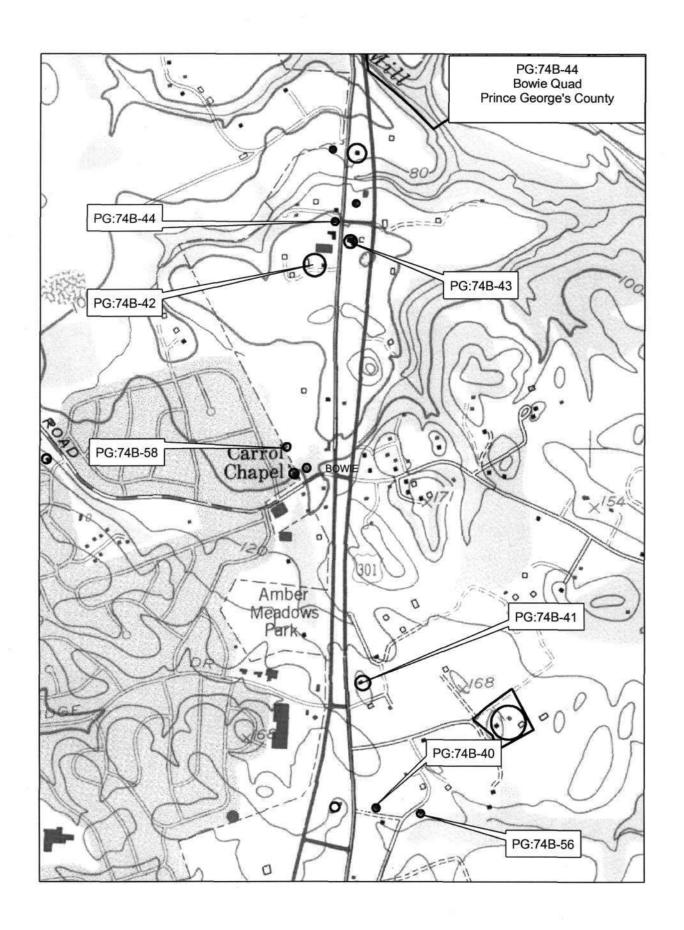
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The c. 1940 structure is not eligible for the National Register. The resource lacks significance related to events, persons, or architecture. Criterion D, information potential, was not assessed for this study.

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